AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Two amendments to the Specification have been made in response to the Examiner's comments concerning the need to identify with specificity a copending patent application the disclosure of which was incorporated into the present patent application at the time of filing. (Office Action at 2) First, the paragraph at page 1, lines 4-12 is hereby amended as follows:

This invention is related to the invention disclosed in copending patent application Serial No. ~~10/___,___~~ 10/662,617 filed September 15, 2003, by Nitin Nayak, Fenno F. Heath III, Jenny S. Li, Hui Lei, Mitchell A. Cohen, Rakesh Mohan, Josef Schiefer, Stephen V. Stibler, Chung Sheng Li, and Maroun Touma for "A Method and System for Providing a Common Collaboration Framework Accessible from Within Multiple Applications" (IBM Docket YOR920030243US1), and assigned to a common assignee herewith. The disclosure of application Serial No. ~~10/___,___~~ 10/662,617 is incorporated herein by reference.

In addition, the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 25, and ending at page 6, line 27, is hereby amended as follows:

In a team environment, it is very common that each team member has an IDE setup in his or her own workstation and each workstation is connected to a network. To facilitate the collaborative capabilities within a development, it is necessary to integrate collaboration tools with development tools through people collaboration activities. This is accomplished by means of the collaboration manager (CollabManager) 14 and the context manager (ContextManager) 15, details of which are provided in co-pending application Serial No. ~~10/___,___~~ 10/662,617. In this case, a Collaboration Plugin can be added to each member's IDE to facilitate communication among the team. The Collaboration Plugin allows users to connect to a ContextManager and CollabManager that hooks to

any backend collaboration servers to provide users with collaboration capabilities. The ContextManager 15 manages contexts. Contexts are mechanisms to scope resource relationships, including relationships between collaboration elements and business operational artifacts. Resources and their interrelationships are specified with respect to a particular context. ContextManager 15 allows contexts to be created and further allows resources and relationships to be added to and removed from a context and, using an ontology engine, it answers queries about contextual relationships. On the other hand, CollabManager 14 facilitates the connections between the applications or development environments to the collaboration spaces and collaboration modalities. A collaboration space is a container of collaboration artifacts, including roles, members, collaborative activities, ad hoc modalities, and collaboration content. It is a mechanism for integrating disparate collaboration capabilities. CollabManager 14 provides the function of lifecycle management for collaboration spaces and directs modality-specific operations to external collaboration servers. The CollabManager 14, in this example, is connected to a Collaboration Plugin on each team member's IDE (three members total in this illustrative example) and the backend collaboration servers that include an instant messaging server 16, a team room server 17, and an e-meeting server 18.

Finally, the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 1, and ending at page 7, line 10, is hereby amended as follows:

In a CDE, a user is exposed to resources that store in a CollabSpace that are related to his or her context in the user's development environment based on the user's role. This is accomplished by means of the collaboration manager ("CollabManager") 14 and the context manager ("ContextManager") 15 (details of which again are provided in application Serial No. 10/662,617 10/___,___). The ContextManager 15 manages the relationship between resources while CollabManager 14 facilitates the connection between the application or development environments to the collaboration spaces and collaboration

modalities. The latter include, in this example, an instant messaging server 16, a

team room server 17 and an e-meeting server 18.

These amendments to the Specification are limited to identifying the copending patent

application in question as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/662,617. (On March 15,

2005, this application was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication

No. 2005/0060371A1.) The referenced application was, at the time of filing, sufficiently

identifiable for the Examiner to be able to make reference to it by serial number in

requesting this clarification. (Office Action at 2) No new matter has been added.